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For: STRUCTURE OF SPARK PLUG DESIGNED TO PROVIDE HIGHER WEAR  
RESISTANCE TO CENTER ELECTRODE AND PRODUCTION

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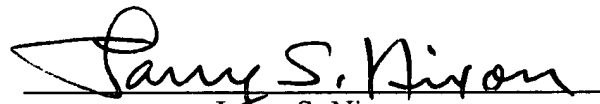
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